

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Riparian Buffer - Stream Corridor Restoration

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Riparian Buffer - Stream Corridor Restoration		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer "Yes" or "No" to Question 1. Answering “Yes” to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. Are all practices, included in this application, planned to benefit a Federally listed Threatened and Endangered species that has been determined to inhabit the site, as documented on the ECS-23 form, and the plan been reviewed and approved by an NRCS biologist? If answering “Yes” to this question, you will receive maximum points in the State Question category; do not complete any other questions in this category. (400 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
EQIP Ranking Questions: Answer "Yes" or "No" to the following questions.	
2. Is Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) included in this application to protect an existing riparian forest buffer? (25 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does this application include Tree/Shrub Establishment to provide shade for improved aquatic habitat? (35 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will a Riparian Forest Buffer (391) be established along all areas in which streambank stabilization is planned? (145 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the practices included in this application stabilize and protect the stream banks to reduce erosion? (50 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment implemented through this contract result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for State AND/OR Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species? Use the Environmental Mapper, on DEC's Website, to answer this question. If area receives a "hit" refer to NRCS biologist. (65 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application include bioengineering practices on at least 50% of the eroding streambanks? (35 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the project remove fish passage impairment? (10 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will invasive species be controlled through the use of Brush Management (314) or Herbaceous Weed Control (315) in support of a planned riparian forest buffer? (35 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer "Yes" or "No" to Question 1. Answering “Yes” to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category.	
1. Are all practices, included in this application, planned to benefit a Federally listed Threatened and Endangered species that has been determined to inhabit the site, as documented on the ECS-23 form, and the plan been reviewed and approved by an NRCS biologist? If answering “Yes” to this question, you will receive maximum points in the Local Question category; do not complete any other questions in this	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

category. (250 points)	
EQIP RANKING Questions 2-7: Answer "Yes" or "No" to the following questions:	
2. Will the treatment address habitat requirements of a Federal or State Aquatic Species of Concern recognized in the NYS WHIP Plan? (45 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the practices included in this application enhance the entire stream corridor owned by the applicant, improving fish spawning habitat for Federal or State Species of Concern? (80 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the riparian area be planted to a diverse mix of native trees and shrubs, of which greater than 33% will produce hard or soft masts consumed by desirable wildlife species? (35 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does this project involve non-federal or state partners who will contribute labor or money to facilitate the project? (20 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the site currently capable of being mechanically planted with trees/shrubs? (15 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application include in-stream habitat practices? (55 points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: